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TOPIC General Information from East Germany

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 13 to 30 March 1953

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REFERENCES 25X1A

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [redacted]

REMARKS [redacted]

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SOURCE [redacted]

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1. At about 10 a.m. on 30 March, 4 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 1 SP gun which appeared to have been a JSU-122, [redacted] 1 JS tank, 2 boxcarloads of 25X1 ammunition and about 30 soldiers were loaded in Wittenberg. The ammunition had been hauled to the station from the Beseler Kaserne on trucks [redacted] 1
2. On 13 March, a train of 2 boxcars and 4 flatcars with sideracks carrying 2 T-34/85 tanks, SP gun SU-259 [redacted] and 1 SU-152 passed through the Wittenberg railroad station toward Dessau.⁴ At about 4 a.m. on 15 March, a train of 3 boxcars and 8 flatcars with sideracks with 5 tanks was unloaded.³ At about 10 a.m. on 25 March, a train from the direction of Kirchmoosier stopped at the Wittenberg railroad station, unloaded 6 JS-3 tanks and proceeded toward an undetermined direction.⁵ On 30 March, 4 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 2 SU-249 SP guns and truck [redacted] were loaded at the Wittenberg railroad station. The majority of the troops were at the post.¹ 25X1B
3. At about 6 p.m. on 26 March, 20 artillery pieces of about 120 mm, 20 prime movers, 25 to 30 trucks, 1 field kitchen and EM were loaded onto an undetermined number of flatcars and about 15 boxcars respectively. [redacted] 25X1 25X1B
4. At about 9 a.m. on 26 March, about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 15 prime movers including 8 towing 122-mm field howitzers, 16 trucks with trailers and ammunition, 16 personnel carriers, 1 ambulance, and 1 sedan were unloaded in Gera. [redacted] 25X1 25X1B
The troops moved to the Reuss Kaserne upon unloading. At about 11 a.m. on 26 March, about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 12 prime movers towing 8 x 75-mm AT guns and 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 10 prime movers including 4 with trailers carrying ammunition, 22 trucks [redacted] and 1 sedan were unloaded in Gera. The troops left for the Reuss Kaserne.² 25X1B 25X1
5. At about 7 p.m. on 27 March, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and trucks [redacted] [redacted] and a carload of boxes were loaded in Weisswasser for shipment toward Cottbus.⁶ 25X1B 25X1
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Comment. Another report of source of paragraph 1 indicated that, on 13 March, elements of the 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt were loaded in Wittenberg and that the materiel loaded included SP gun [redacted] It is believed that this train, too, went to Werder-Markendorf rather than Dessau.

3.

Comment. This train is believed to have also come from Werder-Markendorf.

4.

Comment. Presumably, replacement tanks from the tank repair shop of the GOFG in Kirchmoeser.

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Comment. [redacted] units of the 308th Arty Brig (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which presumably came from, or went to, the OHRDRUF troop training grounds for combat firing.

6.

Comment. The tanks possibly belong to the 91st Tank Regt of the 9th Mecz Div from Iuebben. Another source observed intensive training activity by the 9th Mecz Div at Weisswasser from 10 to 26 March. See [redacted]

7.

Comment. Another report by another source indicated that this train carried units of the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div to Koenigsbrueck.

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